Anecdotal Stories from Parents 10-19-2004

At class a parent of an 18 month old mentioned how their time together at the harvest festival at a park in Auburn demonstrated fruit of the Musikgarten classes as their child was clapping to the band music on the beat spontaneously. This surprised and pleased the mom. Her husband told her keep bringing him to that music class. Two weeks later she told me how her child is beating out rhythms with his toys.

- 12-7 During a phone conversation a parent of two toddlers spoke of how one of her boys was dancing all around and the other one was singing. The boys had attended music classes last spring.
- 1-7 One mom shared how her one year old loves his cd and how he lets mom know he want it on.
- 1-8 Another 10 month old taps, rocks with mom and friend. After experiencing the class and doing music at home for a few weeks mom told me how he played his tambourine for 20 minutes while mom and grandmother sang songs.
- 12-31 A 4 year old former MG student is now playing violin and the father mentioned how the MG class has laid the foundation for his daughter's success.
- 12-31 A 5 year old former MG student had been playing violin and just recently changed to piano, his mom sings with him and his 3 month old sister and noticed how her daughter responds differently vocally when she sings and opposed to talking.
- 2-11 Before class a mom was sharing she works as a physical therapist with children and she was sharing her appreciation for MG classes because of the sensory/ processing in each class. She specifically was referring to children like she works with that are over or under sensitized senses and how the Musikgarten classes help these children to process and improve coordination. Her favorite is the tapping on various body parts or moving body parts (stamping, wiggling fingers, etc.) and the benefit to children with body awareness and spatial awareness. She continued to share how the use of manipulatives (sticks, bells etc) build fine and gross motor development and how these activities awaken our senses and stimulate them while children are engaging in a whole body activity. The use of vestibular activities to soothe and calm our senses was something she also appreciated. She had shared with many of her friends in Roseville the benefits of these experiences for their children and asked them if there were any classes down there.